GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS
LOK SABHA

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EXECUTION OF NHAI PROJECTS UNDER PPP
Bhakta Shri Manoranjan

Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has assessed the efficacy of Public Private Partnership (PPP) in execution of projects under National Highways Authority of India;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether there is a slow down in the progress of the work under public private projects; and

(d) if so, the monitoring mechanism adopted in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI K. H. MUNIYAPPA)

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) has so far received a good response from the private sector for construction of highway projects under Public Private Partnership (PPP) mode. NHAI has so far awarded 79 projects aggregating to a length of 4606 km at an estimated cost of Rs. 30,535 crore on PPP mode, out of which 16 projects aggregating to a length of 902 km have been completed and remaining 63 projects are in progress.

(c) No, Sir. Projects already awarded are progressing as per schedule.

(d) The projects are monitored by consultants appointed through international competitive bidding by NHAI to act as Independent Engineer for the project.

In order to carefully monitor all projects, NHAI has set up Project Implementation Units (PIUs) at suitable locations along the stretch, which is headed by Project Director (PD) alongwith other Officers for his assistance. Senior officers regularly visit project sites for monitoring of projects. Projects are also monitored in the Ministry of Shipping, Road Transport and Highways as well as by Ministry of Statistics and Progamme Implementation, Planning Commission and Committee on Infrastructure (CoI) headed by Prime Minister.